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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Tel.: 478704
442/3/Tn.3

23 April 1945

SUBJECT: Rail Construction Priorities

TO : Col. M.J. Sieff,
Chief, Movements Division.

1. This matter has been discussed with Rail Division and the following are our agreed recommendations for amendments to list published under reference 430/20/Tn 1 dated 18 April 45.

<u>Line</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Existing Priority</u>	<u>Recommended Priority</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
279	Tornoli-Campobasso	1	3	Reconstruction of rail lay out reported complete. ISR now engaged in clearance of rubble etc.
219	Pisa-Mepoli-Florence	1	3	Complete and open for traffic. Permanent repairs continuing. Should not be higher than priority 3 unless MRS ask for adjustment, at Construction Sub-Committee, on basis of permanent repairs to bridges.
246	Giulianova-Teramo	1	3	Neither Major Ping nor I have any knowledge of any demand for repairs to this line. It is possible it may have been confused with line 242 - Albacina to Civit-

279	Teroli-Campobasso	1	3	Reconstruction of rail lay out reported complete. ICR now engaged in clearance of rubble etc.
285	Napoli-Florence	1	3	Complete and open for traffic. Permanent repairs continuing. Should not be higher than priority 3 unless MRB ask for adjustment, at Construction Sub-Committee, on basis of permanent repairs to bridges.
246	Giulianova-Teramo	1	3	Neither Major Ping nor I have any knowledge of any demand for repairs to this line. It is possible it may have been confused with line 242 - Albacina to Civitanova Marche-not shown on above quoted list, but which, having regard to the importance of the Macerata wheat area, should be priority.
257	Rome Viterbo	2	3	Will be opened by end of month. No priority needed.
281	Avellino-Benevento	2	3	Neither are as important as
294	Avellino-Rocchetta	2	3	lines 33 or 277.
388	Roma-Avezzano	3	2	Should be on a par with Pescara-Chieti (2) and will ultimately provide a valuable lateral route

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277	Terni-Rieti	3	1	permanent reconstruction and should have same priority as line 277 Ternoli-Campobasso.
277	Terni-Rieti	3	1	Will ultimately provide access to Aquila, and unless we can reach the Provincial Capital by rail before next winter, difficulty in providing Road Transport is foreseen.
277	Antrodoco-Aquila	3	1	Shown as Pr.Ely when it is, in fact, continuation of line 277, See remarks in preceding para.
266	Rome-Ciampino-Albano	3	0	Not line 246 as shown. No hurry for this job and we are not interested. Being repaired by GRIVOPAR (Volunteer Organisation of Railway employees.)
Pr.Ely. Lauria-Viamont.		3	1	Obviously Priority 1 to provide access to Castelluccio Lignite Mine.
Pr.Ely Terni-Todi-Perugia		3	1	Will provide access to Brick works and lignite mines are lies in very closely with line 244
244	Beatis-Elione	3	1	There are arguments regarding cost of repairs to Lionellera-Fistura-Clatta. Fuel situation next winter will be serious and even through reconstruction of the mineral line may be delayed. Perugia Province is considered of sufficient importance to warrant Priority 1 for line 244.

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244 Bastia-Ellema 1 1 There are arguments regarding cost of repairs to Lianellon-Picta-fitta. Fuel situation next winter will be serious and even thorough reconstruction of the mineral line may be delayed. Perugia Province is considered of sufficient importance to warrant Priority 1 for line 244.

J. W. BAKER, Lt. Col.

Copy to: - Rail Division (En 4) (Attn. Major King).

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17 February 1945

FROM: DMRI

TO : CO, 715 ROB, ROME

715 spot two (2) low side gons or two (2) small Italian flats and one (1) box car at Tuscolana Sunday 18 Feb. to be loaded with timber and machinery and forward to S. Frediano when loading is completed. Material is to be used in rebuilding the Pisa-Empoli-Florence line. CS 191 Signed London

cc - Lt.Col. OH.Lindbert, Tns.C.,AC
Ing. Moscatello

H. H. HEADLEE
LT., TC
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1 February 1945

FROM: DMRI

TO : CO, 715 ROB, ROME
Chief Dispatcher 719 Rome

715 arrange spot one (1) flat car 10 meters in length at Officina di Casalbortone siding Prenestina, one (1) each on the following dates:- 2, 4, 5 and 10 February; 2 and 10 March to be loaded with contractors stores and forward to Engineer Ferroboton, at Pisa when loading is completed. This material is to be used for the repair of bridge over the Arno river on line 219 and carries the highest military priority. CS 5 Signed London

cc - Ing. Moscatello
Major Street, AC Tn Sub-Comm.

H. H. HEADLEE
LT., TC
774 ROB
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Subject: Line 219 Pisa - Empoli -
Florence.

To : A.C. (Rails)
Tn-Sub Commission.

Military Railway Service,
C.M.F.
Tel. Firebox 41.
Outside line 843236.
Tn.A.4/172.
17 Jan'45.

Reference your letter dated 27 December, 1944, subject
steel girders for repair of line 219, Pisa - Empoli - Florence.

For the repair of the three bridges at Km.39.125,
Km.52.780 and Km.60.498 it is proposed that standard military
girders be employed.

These will cross each of these gaps in a single span
and thus do away with the necessity for piling in the river bed.

During the course of the next few days, I will send you
such drawings as you require for setting out the construction
of the abutments.

C. Williams

(C. Williams) Major, R.E.
for Brigadier,
Director, Military Railway Service.

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